demolition of a protected monument is not permissible.

(d) Security and safety of centrally protected monuments in Delhi is ensured through watch and ward arrangement and regular inspection by officers of the Archaeological Survey of India. Ancient monuments other than those declared to be of national importance, are the concern of the Delhi Administration which is required to take appropriate measures in respect of their security etc.

Railway projects in Kerala

98. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in Ernakulam-Alleppey, and Trichur-Guruvayur Railway projects in Kerala; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be completed and opened to traffic?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Progress made on Ernakulam-Alleppey line is 67.5% and Trichur-Guruvayur Line 6.20%.

(b) Ernakulam-Alleppey line is likely to be completed by 30.6.1989. Completion of Trichur-Guruvayur will depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

Development of Beach Tourism

99. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to develop Beach tourism in the country to boost tourist traffic,

(b) whether any plan has been worked out in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what concessions are proposed to be made available to private sector for improving hotels at these tourist centres so as to step up development of beach tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The steps proposed to be taken for development of Beach tourism in the country include financial assistance to States subject to guidelines and safeguards laid down for development of beach resorts and carrying out of surveys to identify petential of beach tourism in different areas.

(c) The incentives/benefits that are available to the private sector for development of beach tourism are similar to those which are provided for other tourism-related projects. These include tax concessions, concessional customs and excise duty for imports, priority in allotment of telephone, telex, gas connections, etc.

Development of Tourism

100. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated and spent for the development of tourism in the Central and State sectors during the current Five Year Plan period;

(b) what is the amount of additional grants and subsidies given to the States during the last three years; and

(c) what is the amount of loans and subsidies granted out of the Central sector fund to the private hotels and restaurants during the above periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Plan allocation and

utilisation in the Central sector for development of tourism during the last 3 years in the Seventh Five Year Plan is given below

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Plan allocation*	Amount utilised*
1985-86	26.82	23.31
1986-87	26.30	30.92
1987-88	37.00	33.13

*Includes Directorate General of Tourism, India Tourism Development Corporation and Hotel Management and Catering Technology Unit.

The allocation and utilisation in the State sector is not available with this Ministry.

(b) No additional subsidies or grants have been given to the State Governments by this Ministry, during last three years.

(c) No direct loans or subsidies are granted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism to private sector hotels and restaurants, though it gives interest subsidy to Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)/State Financial Corporation on loans advanced by them to approved hotels.

Visa to an Israeli Diplomat

101. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that an Official of the Israeli Foreign Ministry visited India recently and met some senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, if so, what was the purpose of the visit;

(b) whether a request for a tourist visa for two weeks was received from an Israeli diplomat in Bangkok and if so whether Government granted visa to him;

(c) what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to upgrade its relations with Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) No, Sir, no Israeli official has visited India for discussions with Indian officials.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, an official of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs had applied for a 2-week tourist visa. There is no ban on Israelis visiting India. The visa was authorised. It has however not been availed of so far.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration to upgrade relations with Israel.

Recommendations of Chattopadhyaya Commission

102. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the action taken on the recommendations of Chattopadhyaya Commission;

(b) whether it is a fact that composite running scale has not been introduced in most of the Government and Government-aided schools in Delhi;

(c) whether the anomalies created due to implementation of these recommendations in the pay-scales of those teachers who have already reached the maximum have been considered by the Government; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The recommendations made by the Chattopadhyaya Commission and Government's reaction thereon have already